

SENATE RESOLUTION 212

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge Willard J. Brogan of Claiborne County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Honorable Willard J. Brogan, who so ably served the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Claiborne County, Judge Willard J. Brogan was a highly respected member of his community, having spent many years in public service in several capacities; and

WHEREAS, during his career Judge Brogan was General Sessions Judge for Claiborne County for 13 years, spent 20 years as a County Commissioner and Justice of the Peace, and held the position of Claiborne County Coroner for several years; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong farmer, Judge Brogan also owned and operated Brogan's Grocery on Highway 33 in Cedar Grove from 1948 to 1983; and

WHEREAS, committed to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens, Judge Brogan helped organize the Claiborne County Rescue Squad, serving as its Captain for 34 years; he also served as a member of the Claiborne County Hospital Board for several years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brogan is survived by his wife of almost seventy years, Cecil Ajha Brogan; he was the proud father of Jack Brogan and Mary Brogan Beeler, grandfather of Steve Brogan, Deborah Brogan, and Elizabeth Evans, and great-grandfather of Todd Brown, Tony Brogan, Tyler Brogan, Teri Brogan, Ashley Arnwine, and Anna Evans; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his sisters, Joan Weaver and Mackie Collins, and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives, and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Willard J. Brogan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Judge Willard J. Brogan, reflecting fondly upon his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Brogan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.